

**NAME ONE THING YOU'VE DONE ON YOUR BUCKET LIST.**

*Silver:* I've never had a bucket list, but I've been in love, had amazing friendships, traveled, gotten to sail the Riviera, and eat fresh cream gateaux at Louis Patisserie in London. I've also eaten the best Italian food in the world at Osteria Basilico, which all sounds very shallow, but I've never had a list, I've just been fortunate to do the things I wanted in life. Except it was always my dream to have a Georgian terraced house in Hampstead, and I haven't gotten that...yet!

**WHAT ARE YOUR MOST COVETED ITEM(S)?**

*Silver:* It used to be my Georgian tea caddies and gentleman's dressing boxes. All my antique boxes! Now that my parents have passed away, it's the silver candlesticks they were given on their wedding day and the little plastic silver shoe that sat atop their wedding cake. (Of course, there are lots of beautiful houses I covet, too!)

**YOUR GREATEST INFLUENCE?**

*Silver:* Mrs. Violet Agnes Thrift. She was a Scottish antique dealer and entrepreneur who made the simplest things in life exciting and beautiful. She was the most wonderful and influential person in my life from the time I was a child in London during the 1970s until today. She taught me to see beauty in everything. To be honest, sincere and make your life matter. When we met, I was 12 and she was in her 70s, and we became best friends. We were the "Harold and Maude" of the antique world. She'd pick me up at 6 am, it would be pouring with rain, dark and damp, and I'd get in the car and she'd say, "Isn't the car a wonderful thing, darling? It can keep you warm and dry and play music while it's driving you around!" She made everything ordinary seem magical and never stopped inspiring me to do all the things I love.

**WHAT'S INSPIRING YOU NOW?**

*Silver:* Mostly, very clean, modern design and reinterpreting that within vintage spaces. I look at lots of young European architects and designers for my influence, again, reinterpreting that into something slightly softer and more comfortable to suit our life here in Portland.

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE CITY?**

*Silver:* London!!!

**GO-TO HOST GIFT?**

*Silver:* Beautiful, fresh flowers from Sammy's.

**MY WORK IS...**

*Silver:* The first word that comes to mind is exhausting! I'm a perfectionist, and I don't rest until a project feels absolutely right. My mind is constantly on overdrive, trying to get every detail just as I see it in my mind.



**PROJECT SOURCES**

**CONTRACTOR:** ZB Construction

**INTERIOR DESIGN/CABINETRY DESIGN**

Benjamin Silver Design

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**LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT:** Outdoor Spaces

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**WINDOWS AND DOORS** Portland Millwork

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**LIGHTING AND HARDWARE**

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**KITCHEN APPLIANCES**

Viking, Sub-Zero, Miele; Kitchen Faucets/Sink and Bath Faucets: Rohl; Bath Sinks: Kalista; Rugs: Atelier Lapchi, Kush Handmade Rugs; Countertop Materials: Intrepid Marble & Granite